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1. In the summer of 1953, a critical period for developments within the Communist Party, Karel Bacilek was vacationing with Zdenek Fierlinger in Pysely near Prague. The area was heavily guarded by secret police plainclothes men, but Bacilek mixed freely with other summer resort visitors.
2. Bacilek's demotion from the post of Minister of National Security to that of Slovak Communist Party Secretary was allegedly the result of three factors:
 - a) The fall of Beria;
 - b) The "bourgeois" behavior of Bacilek's son (luxurious life, drinking parties, etc.);
 - c) The failure of Bacilek to take police action to purge Slovakia of the remains of the Clementis "gang".
3. Bacilek's "deviations" were investigated by a special Communist Party committee, which recommended Bacilek for his job in Slovakia with instructions to strengthen the relatively weak organization of the Slovak Communist Party. Thus, for Bacilek this represents a chance to "repent" and to prove his worthiness once more. Privately Bacilek spends more time in Prague than in Slovakia.

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